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IN THE
BIG HOUSE





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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER



GREETINGS AND
FELICITATIONS.

GENTLE READER—YOU'RE IN LUCK!
HERE'S A YARN OF WILD SENSATIONS,
CHASING LAUGHTER, NIP AND TUCK,
SEE THE JOKER, MAD, HILARIOUS,
CALL THE TURN FOR EVERY DANCE—
TILL THE BATMAN STAKES PRECARIOUS
HOPES ON ONE LAST RISKY CHANCE!
RHYMES TO FIT ALL GAY OCCASIONS—
BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, HALLOWEEN—
SET THE STAGE FOR WEIRD INVASIONS,
EACH IN KEEPING WITH THE SCENE!
JESTS AND GUESTS HAVE HECTIC MEETINGS,
ALL FORETOLD BY FREAKISH CARDS...
WHAT'S THE TITLE?—

* **GUILEFUL GREETINGS!**
OR
* **The Joker Sends Regards!**

BOB
KANE



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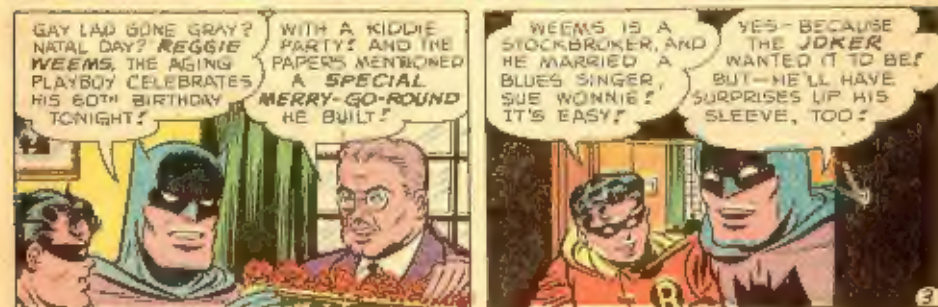
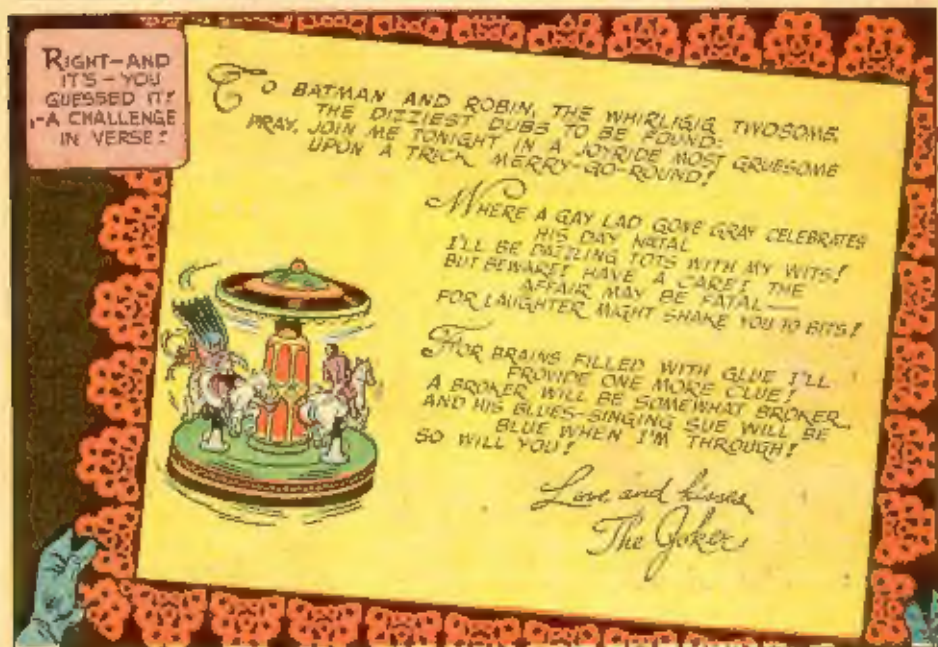
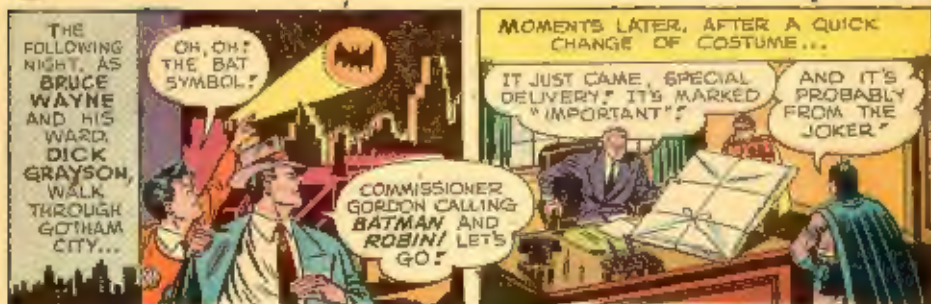
JOKER ESCAPES AGAIN!!!*Hides in Shipment of Cards
From Prison Printing Shop!*GREETINGS,
WORLD!
HA-HA-HA-HA!AND THE WITKFUL MOUNTBANK'S
HENCHMEN WELCOME HIM HOME
APPROPRIATELY!GENTLEMEN,
I AM
DEEPLY
TOUCHED!Greetings
WORLD!

FROM THE HEART OF THE UNDERWORLD!

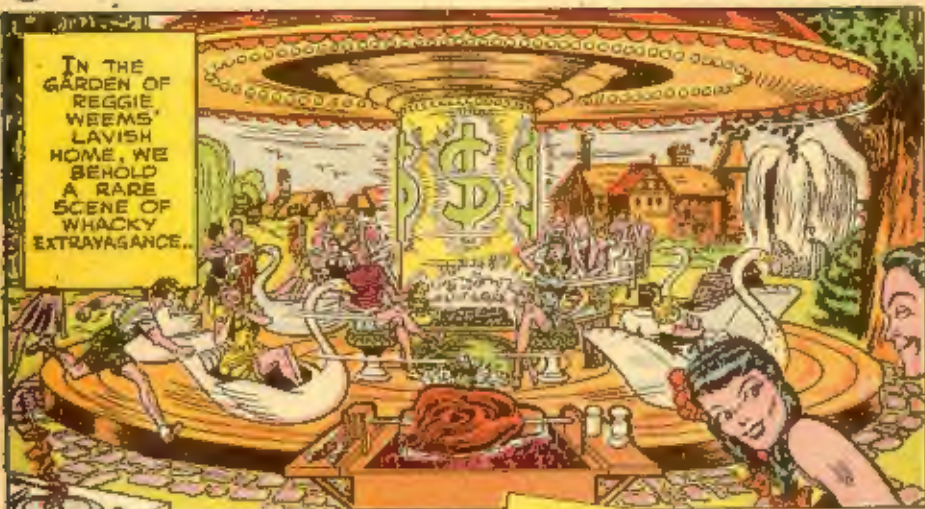
THAT'S NOTHING,
BOSS! WAIT'LL
YOU SEE WHAT
WE'VE GOT
INSIDE!FOR HE'S
A JOLLY
GOOD
FELON!THE
BIGGEST
GUYS IN
THE
RACKET
ARE HERE!THANK
YOU,
FRIENDS!Dear Joker:
PAL, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE OUT
TO MAKE A LOT OF FUSS.
AND KEEP THE BATMAN BUSY SO
HE WON'T HAVE TIME FOR US!

- Bull, Boyle & Mott

SENSATIONAL!-AND
INSPIRATIONAL! THEY
HAVE INSPIRED ME WITH
THE IDEA FOR MY
GREATEST TRIUMPH!VAST RICHES I'LL GRAB
WITH DROLL PICTURES AND
RHYMES, AS I MAKE THE
WORLD GASP WITH- MY
GREETING CARD CRIMES!CHEE-
HE'S
BETTER'N
SHAKESPEARE!



IN THE GARDEN OF REGGIE WEEMS' LAVISH HOME, WE BEHOLD A RARE SCENE OF WHACKY EXTRAVAGANCE...



YES, SIR—EXTRAVAGANCE!

A DIAMOND-SET RATTLE REMINDS ME OF CHRISTMAS 50 YEARS AGO, SUE! ...A GOLD-PLATED TRAIN...DOLLS OF JADE... IT'S WONDERFUL, REGGIE!



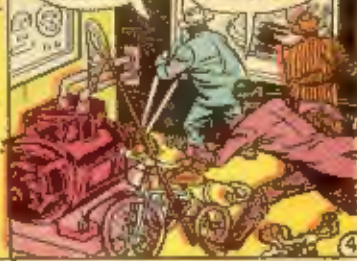
Happy birthday to you,
dear Reginald Weems!
Though you creak at the joints and are weak at the seams,
You're a merry-go-round
who will not give in—
So hang onto your teeth
and we'll go for a SPIN!

AND HERE IN THE NEARBY CONTROL SHACK, ARE THE MEN WHO "CHECKED" THE MACHINERY.



BOY, IT'S SPINNIN'! LISTEN TO 'EM YELL!

ON YOUR BIKES, MEN! IT'S TIME WE JOINED THE PARTY!



THE VERY IDEA! I'LL—WHO—? EH? ...WE'RE SPINNING FASTER!

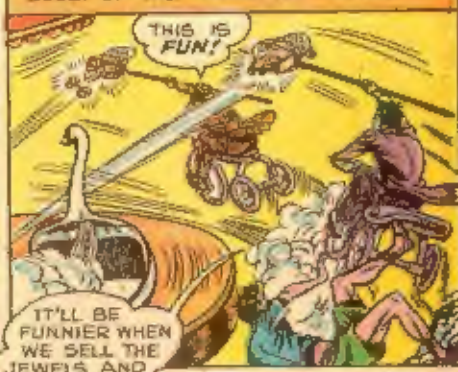
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, SIR! SOME MEN CHECKED THE MACHINERY EARLIER!



THE MERRY-GO-ROUND GOES 'ROUND
AND 'ROUND - AND CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE ASSERTS ITSELF!



AND THE JOKER AND HIS HENCHMEN
SCOOP UP THE VALUABLE TOYS!

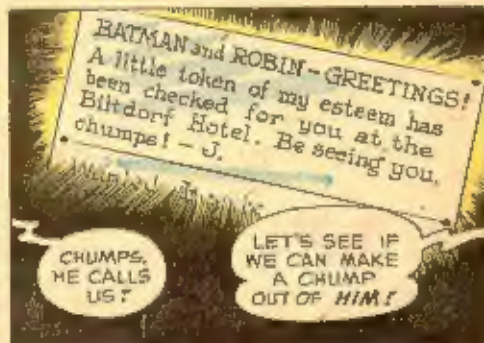


ABRUPTLY...



THE CROOKS MAKE THEIR GETAWAY
TO A CHORUS OF SNEEZES!





No Word to Dumbbells About Wedding Bells

DEAR SAPS: A JOYOUS DAY APPROACHES
WHEN BLUE-BLOODS WEARING RINGS & BROOCHES
WILL WEND THEIR WAY BY COACH & CARRIAGE
TOWARD THE SEASON'S SWEETEST MARRIAGE!

(THOUGH I CONFESS I'M APPREHENSIVE
MY WISHES MAY BE QUITE EXPENSIVE!)
THE BRIDE WILL WEAR AN EMERALD CHOKER,
BUT NOT FOR LONG.

YOUR FOL,
THE JOKER



NEXT DAY, AT A RECEPTION FOR THE NEWLY-MARRIED LEE AND HELEN AYERS, SOCIALITES...



HERE'S LEE AND HELEN NOW!

MARRIED AT LAST! HOW THRILLING!

LOOK! HERE'S AN UNINVITED GUEST—LITERALLY THERE "WITH BELLS ON"!

NO SIGN OF BATMAN AND ROBIN YET—BUT IF I WANT THE BRIDE'S EMERALD NECKLACE I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!



THEN A SERVANT CLOSES A VENETIAN BLIND, AND...



LOOK WHAT'S PAINTED ON THE VENETIAN BLIND!

MAYBE THIS IS IT, BAT—I MEAN, LEE!



IT'S FOR YOU, SWEET-HEART!

MAY YOUR VOYAGE BE ROMANTIC... AS YOU SAIL A BLISSFUL SEA... BROAD AND DEEP AS THE ATLANTIC... AND AS WARM AS ABEY!

CUT OUT THAT SWEETHEART STUFF!

THE SERVANT CLOSES THE NEXT BLIND...



UHP! THERE GOES MY DIME-STORE CHOKER!

YET WHO KNOWS WHAT TYPHOONS RECKLESS MIGHT UPSET YOUR GALLANT BOAT? LET ME RESCUE FIRST THE NECKLACE FROM THE BRIDE'S ENTRANCING THROAT!



OKAY, SAPS—TOSS US YA JEWELRY!

AND THE GUESTS MUST NOT OUTSHINE HER THAT WOULD NEVER, NEVER DO! SO WHAT COULD WE DO THAT'S FINER THAN COLLECT THEIR JEWELRY, TOO!



WELL, WELL! LOOK AT THIS!

I DON'T KNOW
WHETHER I'M
HAPPY AT
YOU OR BATMAN-
BUT YOU'LL
TAKE THE
BEATING!

HELP!
SHE'S
NO
LADY!



THIS HELPS
MAKE IT A
HAPPY
OCCASION!

IT'S A
DOITY
TRICK!...
OW!



BUT THE JOKER HAS OTHER TRICKS
UP HIS SLEEVE!

A VERY
PRETTY
RUSE- BUT
NOT CLEVER
ENOUGH TO
TRAP
ME!



NEXT INSTANT...

HEY!

HA-HA! IT'S
CUSTOMARY
TO THROW RICE
AT WEDDINGS-
BUT I'M
USING-

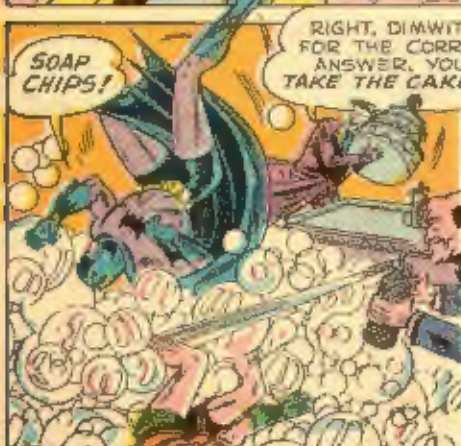


**SOAP
CHIPS!**

RIGHT, DIMWIT!
FOR THE CORRECT
ANSWER, YOU
TAKE THE CAKE!

A NEW WAY
OF SERVING
A WEDDING
CAKE!

COME ON, BUGS-
WE CAN'T GRAB
ANY LOOT NOW!





SO ENDS ANOTHER GREETING-CARD CRIME—UNHAPPILY FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO!

WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU ROBIN AND BATMAN! BUT FOR YOU, THEY'D HAVE STOLEN A FORTUNE IN GEMS!

YES—BUT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED!



IT'S NOT THE FALLS I MIND—IT'S THE HUMILIATION!

I KNOW, FELLA! BUT WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE! HALLOWEEN IS NEAR, AND HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THAT!



AND BATMAN IS RIGHT! ON THE DAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN...

HMMM... NO WORD SO FAR!

OH, NO! LOOK! THAT SIGN WASN'T THERE YESTERDAY!



★ THIS PERSON TO GREEN!
GO BATMAN & THE KID AS WELL.
(IN CASE THEY CAN'T BE FOUND,
PLEASE FORWARD TO E. FARMER KID—
THAT'S WHERE THE GEMS ARE HIDDEN!)

IT'S FOR US!

COME ON— INTO YOUR FIGHTING TOGS AND LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THAT MESSAGE!



MOMENTS LATER...

I'M GLAD ALL OUR MAIL DOESN'T COME THIS WAY!



HERE'S HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Don't Pumpkinhead Playmates:

I HOPE YOU'RE IN HIDING, FOR THIS IS THE NIGHT THAT THE WITCHES GO RIDING ON BROOMSTICKS NOT DESTINED FOR HOUSECLEANING DUTY! (I'VE GOT ONE MYSELF THAT SWEEPS NOTHING BUT BOOTY!)

THE FREE-FOR-ALL MASQUE? ON YOUR LIVES DON'T GO NEAR IT, FOR I WILL BE THERE IN THE FLESH—AND THE SPIRIT!



DAME MISCHIEF'S AGAINST YOU— DON'T TRY TO PROVOKE HER! CRAWL UNDER THE BED— AND REMEMBER—

The JOKER



SO THE DYNAMIC DUO IMPROVISES SPECIAL COSTUMES

I AGREE THAT THE FREE-FOR-ALL MASQUE PROBABLY MEANS THE CHARITY MASQUERADE BALL BATMAN—BUT ABOUT THE REST

YOU MEAN WHAT MAKES ME SO SURE THE LIGHTS WILL GO OUT?

AT HALLOWEEN PARTIES SOMEBODY ALWAYS TURNS OFF THE LIGHTS! IT'S A STOCK JOKE!

HAW-HAW... THAT'S RIGHT! ONLY THIS TIME IT WON'T BE A JOKE, IT'LL BE THE JOKER!

THE MIRTHFUL MONTEBANK ALSO IMPROVISES!

CHEE BOSS—VA LOOK NE DA REALTING!

THAT'S HARDLY A COMPLIMENT BUT WE'LL LET IT PASS AS ONE!

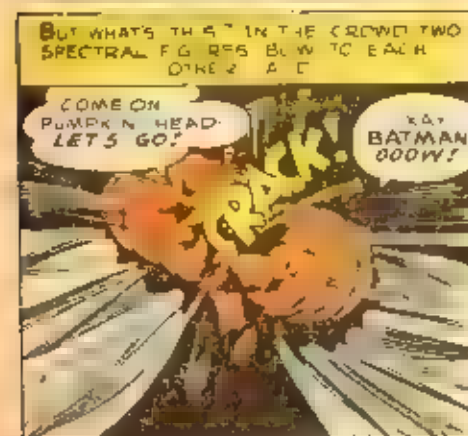
HAVE YOU GOT THE PLAN STRAIGHT? YOU BUGS, OPERATE THE TRUCK AND THE VACUUM EQUIPMENT AND YOU SLIM

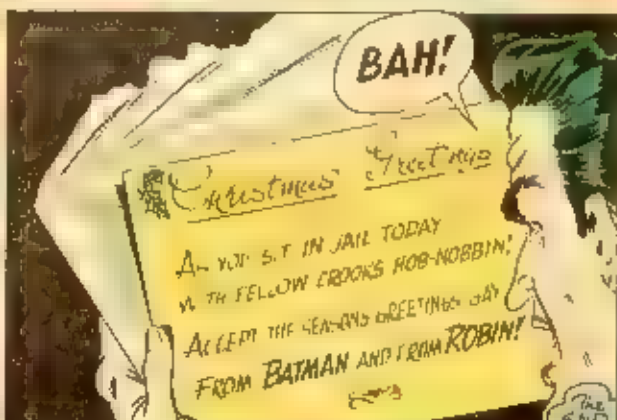
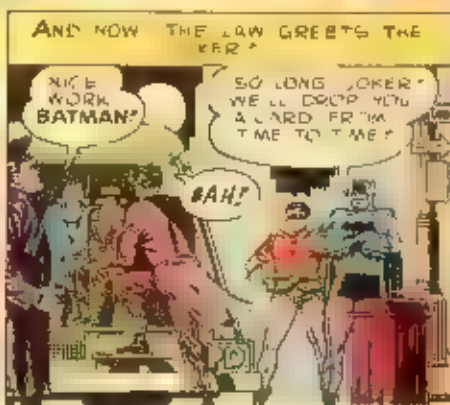
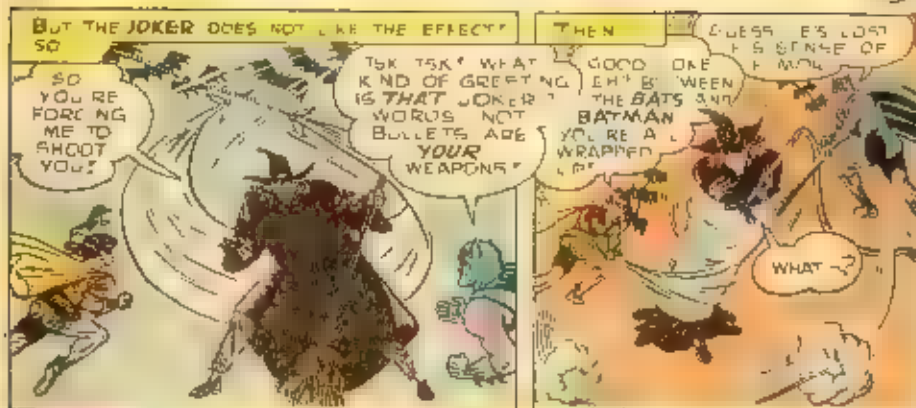
I CLIMB UP WIT' DA ROSE AN' DA PLIERS!

PRESENTLY AT THE CHARITY MASQUERADE BALL

REMEMBER WE HAVE NEVER COLLECTED LESS THAN \$200,000 FOR CHARITY IN THE PUMPKIN COACH! LET'S SET A NEW RECORD THIS TIME!

IT'S EASY! THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN TOWN ARE HERE!







BATMAN



BATMAN

ROBIN

THE BOY WONDER

THE ROAD TO PRISON IS CROOKED AND FARTY-
AND THE ONLY SAFE
WAY BACK IS STRAIGHT
AND HARD. BUT
WHY DO SOME CONVICTS
PROFIT BY THEIR MISDEEDS
AND BECOME USEFUL
CITIZENS WHILE OTHERS
NEVER REFORM?

BATMAN RISKS HIS LIFE
TO SEEK THE ANSWER
AS NOT NY ROCKS A
GRM CITY OF 5 ONE
WALLS AND STEEL BARS
AND AIDED BY ROBIN,
HE FINDS THE HEART
OF A COURAGEOUS

"BIG HOUSE
CHAPLAIN!"



BECAUSE ALAN CHANNING CHAPMAN OF GOTHAM CITY PRISON KNOWS GREY TONY WHEN HE SEES THAT A YOUNG CONVICT GETS A BREAK?

WELL CHAPMAN I HOPE HE DOESN'T LET HIS OLD PALS LOOSE ON HIM BACK IN TO DUKE KIE'S MOB.

HE WANTS WARDEN? IM SURE MIKE TAPPAN HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON.



THAT NIGHT, IN A GOTHAM CITY SLUM

WHY DUKE KIE AND WHITE HARRIS?

WELCOME HOME Y KIE I'VE BEEN EXPECTING A CALL FROM YOU!



THAT CHAPMAN HE'S CAUSING US MORE TROUBLE THAN THE LAW! WE OUGHT TO RUB HIM OUT!

EASY DUKE! CHANNING'S MY FRIEND! IM GOING STRAIGHT TO BELLA FHE AFTER MY Q.



WHILE YOU WERE IN STRIP CLUBS SANDERS TELL YOU WHERE HE HAD THE LOL FROM THAT BROKERAGE JOB?

NO AND IF HE DOES TELL ANYONE I'LL BE CHANNING'S PAW TO A PAK OF A RIGHT!



LUCKILY FOR MIKE, TWO AWESOME FIGURES ARE WATCHING IN NEARBY SHADOWS... BATMAN AND ROBIN!



NOBODY GETS ON ME, MIKE! YOU'LL COME BACK IN THE GANG OR ELSE!

NX, DUKE! WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO TO KILL ME?



YOU WERE RIGHT BATMAN! DUKE AND WHITE HUNTED MIKE DOWN!

AND WE'D BETTER GET THEM ROBIN OR IT WILL BE TOO BAD FOR MIKE! COME ON!

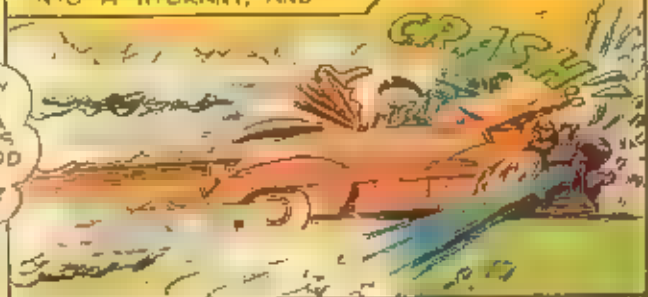


NEXT INSTANT

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!
STEP
ON
THE
GAS
WHATEY!

SORRY
DUMB
BUT A
MISS IS
AS GOOD
AS A
MILE!

SLUDGELY THE CAR SWERVES WILDLY CRASHES
INTO A HYDRANT, AND



WE'LL GET HIM
LATER! I ONLY NEED
ONE OF THEM NOW AND
WHATEY WILL DO!

LUKE
GETTING
AWAY!



WHEN WHATEY REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS

WH WHERE
AM I?

IN THE BAT CAVE,
WHATEY! MAKE YOURSELF
AT HOME, BECAUSE
YOU'RE GOING TO STAY
AWHILE! OH YES—
GIVE ME YOUR CLOTHES!



MINUTES LATER

YIIIIII!
BATMAN—
YOU'RE MY
DUBBLE!

THANKS TO MAKEUP
WHATEY! AND WHILE
YOU'RE SNUG AND SAFE
HERE I'M GOING TO
HALL FOR THAT ROBBERY
THE POLICE HAVE
AGAINST YOU!





NEXT DAY, IN CRIMINAL COURT

SINCE YOU SURRENDERED VOLUNTARILY I'LL GIVE YOU A LIGHT SENTENCE TWO TO FIVE YEARS IN GOTHAM PRISON.

YES, YOUR HONOR.

WONDER WHAT THE SENTENCE WOULD BE IF HE KNEW I WAS BATMAN?

LATER

YOU SAY YOU WERE A FLORIST BEFORE TURNING TO CRIME SO I'LL ASSIGN YOU TO WORK IN THE PRISON GARDENS!

YES, SIR, WARDEN WILLIAMS.

CHAPLAIN CHANNING VISITS THE NEW CONVICT...

SO YOU'RE WHITEY HARLAN, THE NEW GARDENER? FEEL LIKE TALKING?

I AMN'T SQUEALING ON NOBODY.

WHO ASKED YOU TO SQUEAL? I'M INTERESTED IN YOU BECAUSE YOUR EYES TELL ME THERE'S GOOD STUFF IN YOU WHITEY.

WELL, CHAPLAIN YOU LOOK LIKE A RIGHT GUY YOURSELF.

LATER IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

SORRY, BATMAN, BUT I'VE NOTHING MORE EXCITING FOR YOU AND ROBIN THAN A PROBLEM: WHY IS IT THAT HALF OF ALL MEN PAROLED FROM STATE PRISON BREAK PAROLE BUT ONLY 5 PER CENT OF THOSE PAROLED FROM GOTHAM COMMIT CRIMES AGAIN?

HMMM - I WONDER?

THE BAT SIGNAL

I WONDER WHAT THE EMERGENCY IS THIS TIME?



WE CAN PLT GOTHAM PRISON'S SYSTEM TO WORK EVERYWHERE IF WE CAN FND OUT WHAT THE SECRET IS. IF YOU, BATMAN, WILL SO, GUT AM PRISON AS A DOWNT.

"WHAT'S A TIGHT TALK?"

YES, GOING TO PRISON IS A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT REQUIRING PREPARATION.

THE ARE THINGS I'LL NEED OF THE WARDEN WON'T KNOW FOR SECRET. BUT GORDON WILL HELP YOU SMUGGLE THIS IN TO ME.

BE CAREFUL, BATMAN! YOUR LIFE WON'T BE WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL IF THOSE CORVETS LEARN WHO YOU ARE.

SO MUCH FOR THE PAST! NOW, BACK TO THE PRESENT AND WE FIND DUKE KITE AND A TRUSTED AID, BULL BERGEN IN CONFERENCE.

BULL, IF WHITEY FND OUT WHERE THAT MONEY IS HIDDEN HE'LL GO AFTER IT HIMSELF WHEN HE GETS OUT.

SO YA WANT ME TO FOLLOW WHITEY TO A TITTLE COST YA PLENTY DUKES?

YOU GET TEN GRAND IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP AND MAKE SLEPS TELL WHERE HE H D THE DOUGH—AND I'LL FK IT FOR YOU TO BREAK OUT IN A WEEK.

IT'S A DEAL.

SO A SECOND MAN GOES VOLUNTARILY TO GOTHAM PRISON.

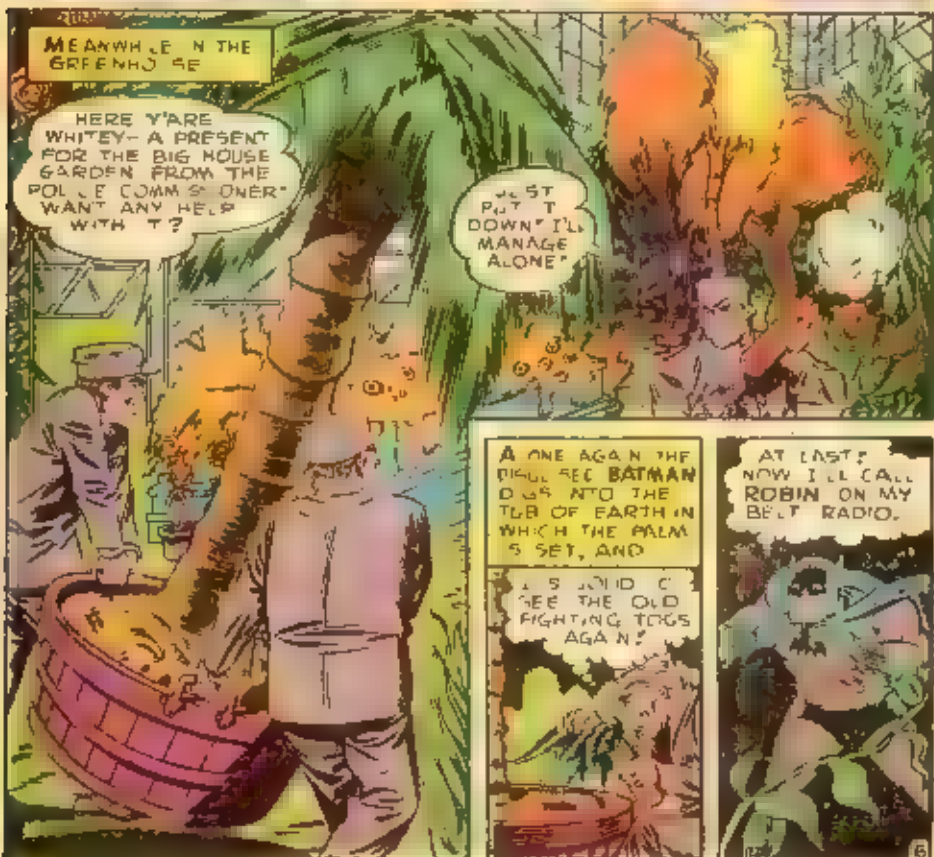
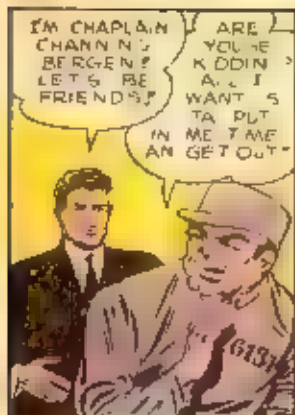
TH'S WAY TO THE CARPENTRY SHOP BULL AND BE A GOOD BOY OR YOU'LL LAK IN SOLTARY.

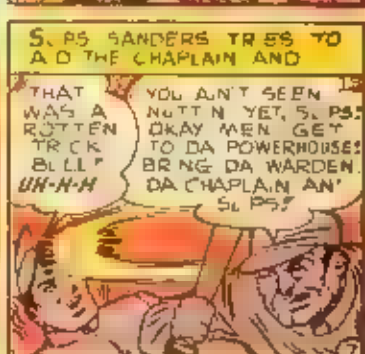
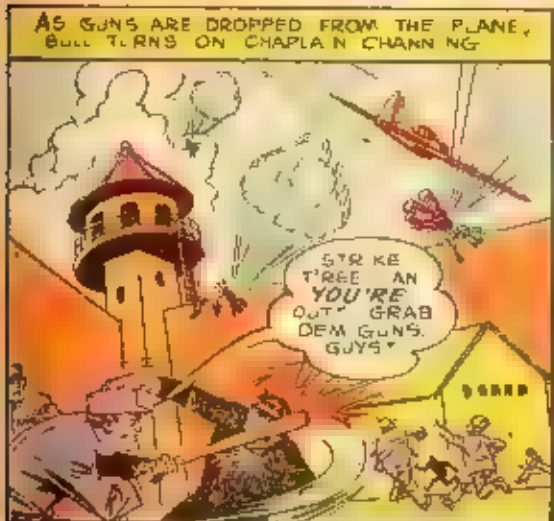
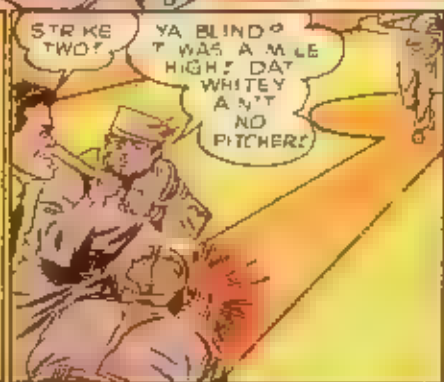
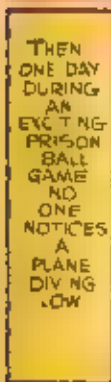
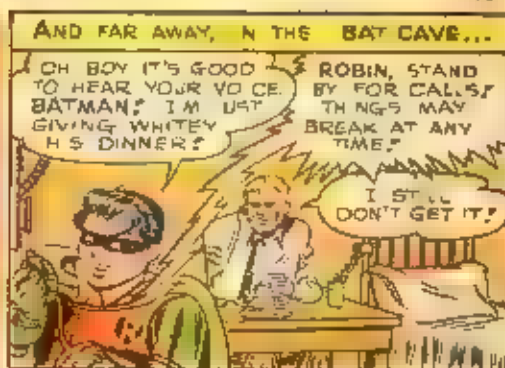
YOUSE GUY MAKE ME SCK A WAYS PREACHIN'.

SLEPS SANDERS ALSO WORKS IN THE CARPENTRY SHOP.

BULL BERGEN'S SO THEY FINALLY CAUGHT YOU?

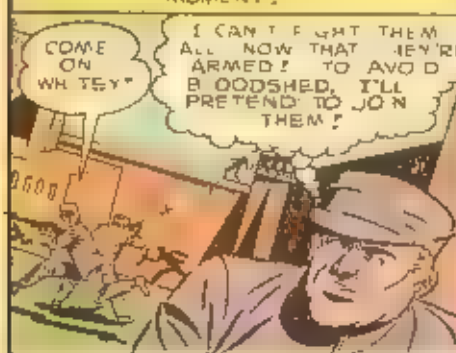
YEAH—AN' I'M NOW GONNA WOK WIT' YOUSE, SLEPS AN' T DAT COZY?





TAKEN BY SURPRISE, THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS HELPLESS FOR A MOMENT!

THE POWERHOUSE BECOMES AN ARMED FORTRESS!



COME ON WHY?

I CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL NOW THAT THEY'RE ARMED! TO AVOID BLOODSHED, I'LL PRETEND TO JOIN THEM!



DAT'S RIGHT - CUT OFF DA ALARM WIRES AN DA OUTSIDE LIGHTS! SOON AS IT'S DARK WE'LL CRASH OUT!

IN THE DEATH HOUSE, GUNS ARE GIVEN DESPERATE MEN WHO HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!

AS NIGHT FALLS, FLOODLIGHTS ON THE POWERHOUSE ROOF LIGHT UP A DEADLY NO MAN'S LAND!



HERE EDDIE! YOU'RE GOOD WITH A GUN!

YOU BET! YOU'N' ONE GOT ME N HERE AN JOIN TH'S ONE I GET ME JO!



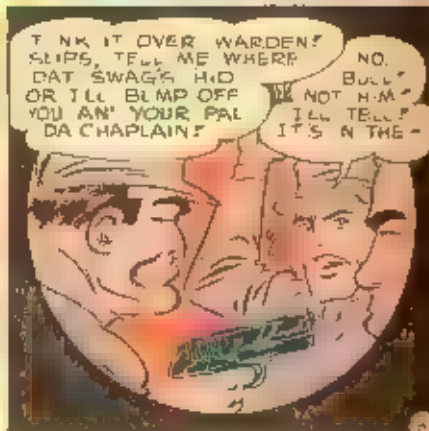
COME ON! AND 3 T LOOPERS! YOU'N' KUGER ENTER! S EFN!

AND IN THE GRIM ROOM WHERE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR STANDS...



WE'LL BURN YA IN DA HOT SQUAT WARDEN UNLESS YA GIVE DA ORDER TAKE US A CAR AN OPEN DA GATES!

MY JOB S KEEPING YOU RATS HERE! AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, I'LL WORK AT IT!



I'NK IT OVER WARDEN! SLIPS, TELL ME WHERE DAT SWAGS HID OR I'LL BLMP OFF YOU AN' YOUR PAL DA CHAPLAIN!

NO. BULL! NOT H.M. I'LL TELL! IT'S N THE-



SLIPS REVEALS HIS SECRET
AND NOW BATMAN DARES DELAY
NO LONGER!

"SO DAT'S IT? PRETTY
CUTE" AN NOW YA
DOUBLE CROSSER, I'M
GONNA B ASK YA
ANYWAY."

"IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER
HERE
GOES!"



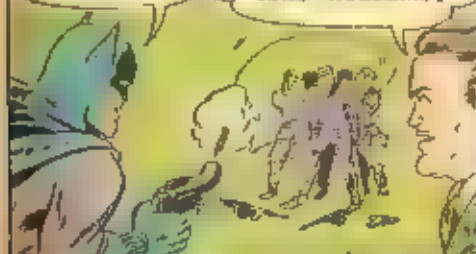
NOT
NOW BULL-
OR EVER!



THE CAPED WARRIOR'S UNIQUE
BATARANG SNARLS THE OTHER
THUGS IN ITS SLEKEN COILS!

IT'S BACK TO
DEATH CELLS
FOR YOU MUGS!"

"I DON'T KNOW HOW
YOU GOT IN HERE
BATMAN. BUT YOU'RE
SURE WELCOME!"



AS CELL DOORS CLANG ON THE
COWED CONVICTS, BATMAN
THROWS HIS SLEKEN ROPE
UPWARD

"SO FAR SO GOOD!"
BUT THERE ARE
STILL THE MEN
BARRICADED IN
THE POWERHOUSE!"

"MAYBE I
CAN ROUND
THEM UP,
TOO!"



THEY
WON'T
EXPECT
AN
ATTACK
FROM
ABOVE!"

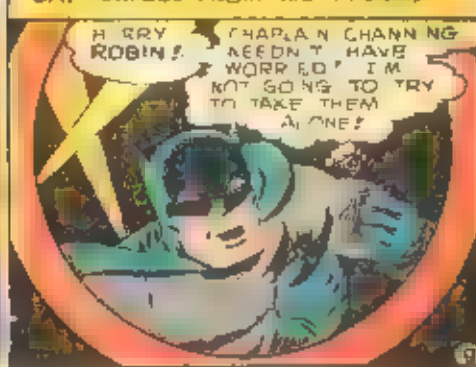
"COME
BACK! YOU
CAN'T TAKE
THEM
SINGLE HANDED!"
THEY'LL KILL
YOU!"

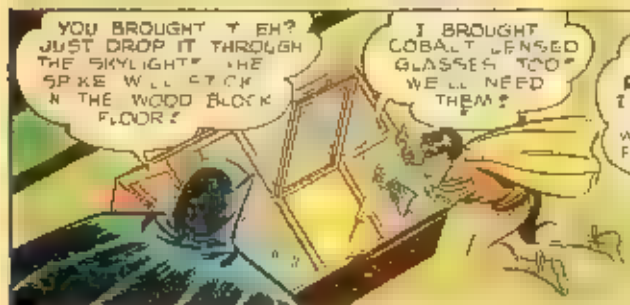
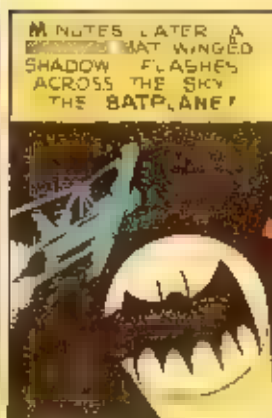


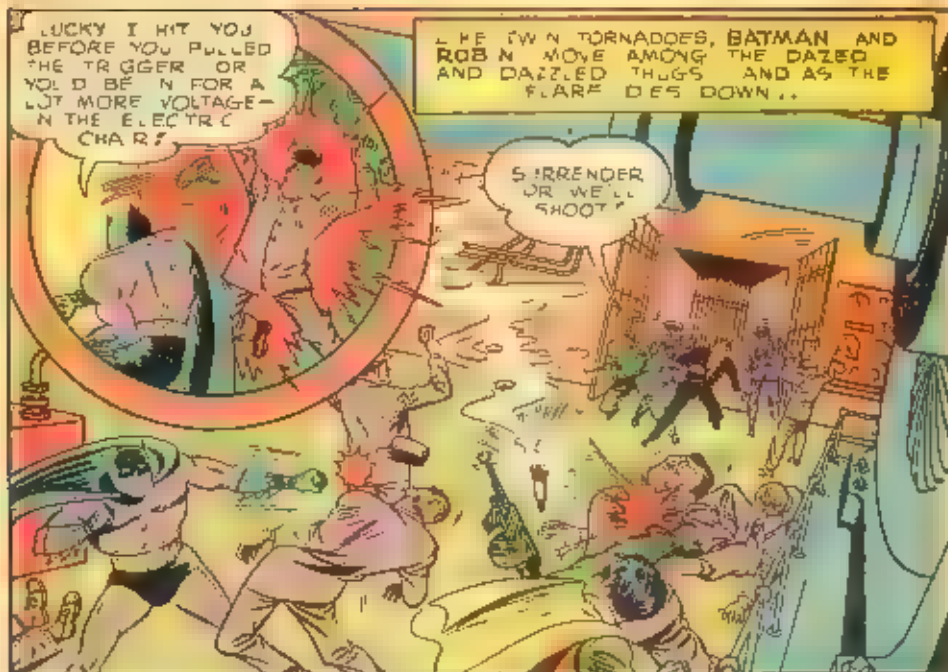
ON THE ROOF, BATMAN RADIOS TO
ROBIN, THEN RAPS THE FAMOUS
BAT SYMBOL FROM HIS CHEST!

"H HRY
ROBIN!"

"CHARLIE CHANNING
NEEDN'T HAVE
WORRIED" I'M
NOT GOING TO TRY
TO TAKE THEM
ALONE!"







LUCKY I HIT YOU BEFORE YOU PULLED THE TRIGGER OR YOU'D BE IN FOR A LOT MORE VOLTAGE—IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIRS!

LIKE TWO TORNADOES, BATMAN AND ROBIN MOVE AMONG THE DAZED AND DAZZLED THUGS, AND AS THE FLARE DIES DOWN...

SURRENDER OR WE'LL SHOOT!

THE REVOLT QUELLED. BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE ROOF.

I GUESS WHITEY'S STILL WONDERING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.

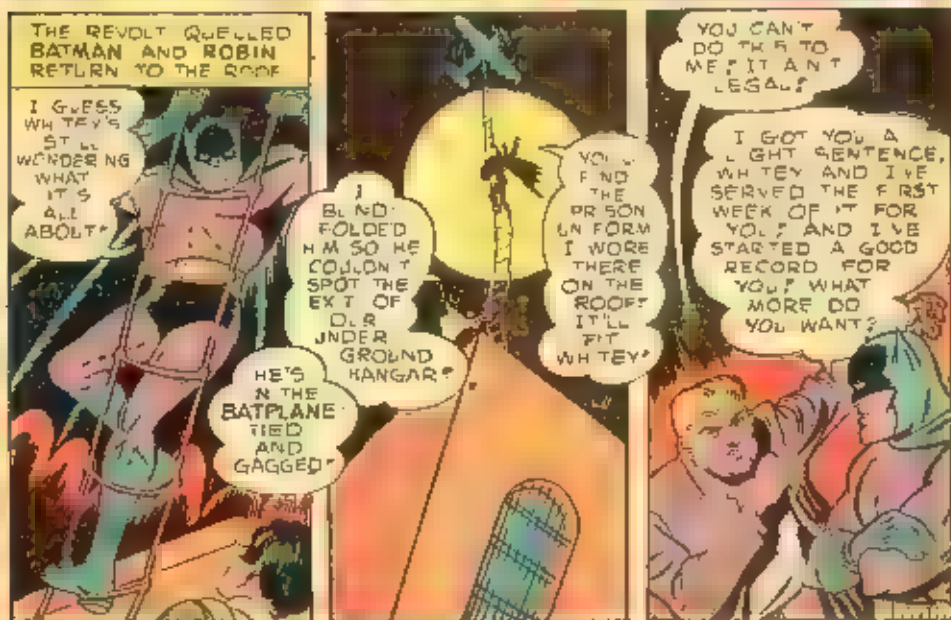
I BLIND-FOLDED HIM SO HE COULDN'T SPOT THE EXT OF OUR UNDERGROUND HANGAR.

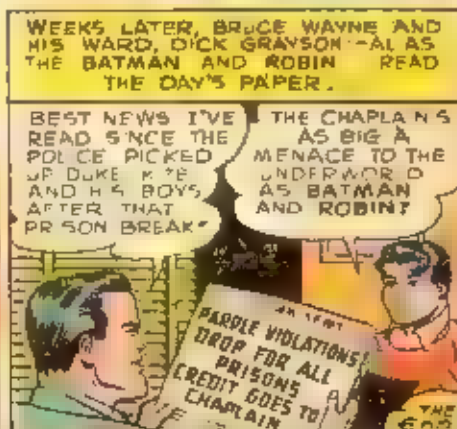
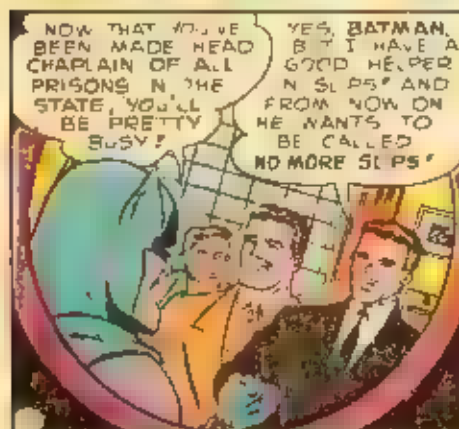
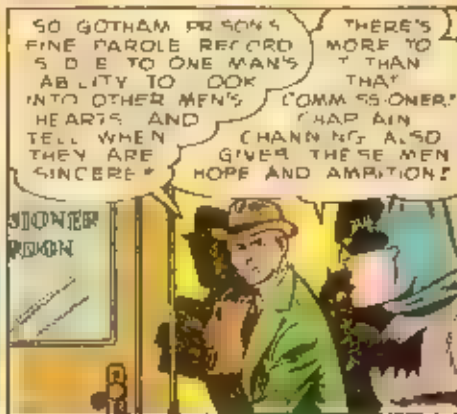
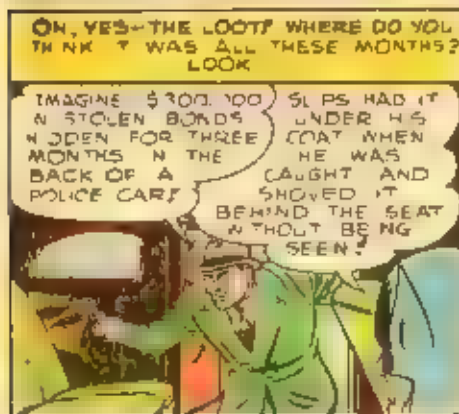
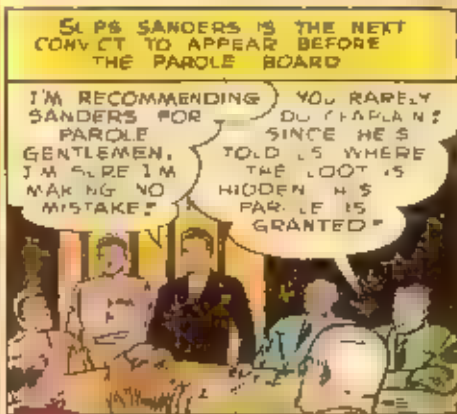
HE'S IN THE BATPLANE, TIED AND GAGGED.

YOU'VE FOUND THE PRISON IN FORM. I WORE THERE ON THE ROOF. IT'LL FIT WHITEY.

YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME, IT'S ILLEGAL!

I GOT YOU A LIGHT SENTENCE, WHITEY, AND I'VE SERVED THE FIRST WEEK OF IT FOR YOU! AND I'VE STARTED A GOOD RECORD FOR YOU! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?







BATMAN



HOW WOULD YOU
LIKE TO GO BACK
THROUGH THE
AGES IN SEARCH
OF YOURSELF?
THAT'S THE
FANTASTIC
CHALLENGE FACING
AT BATMAN
WHEN HIS NAME
IS LINKED WITH
MYSTERIOUS
EVENTS OF FIVE
CENTURIES AGO!
AND AS MEDIEVAL
MYSTERIES MENACE
THE CAPED
ADVENTURER AND
HIS YOUNG PARTNER
ROBIN THEY
DISCOVER AN
IMMORTAL MASTER
OF THE ARTS AND
SCIENCES WHO
GIVES THEM AN
AMAZING CLUE TO
THE BATMAN
THAT HIS STORY FORGOT!



PROFESSOR NICHOLS FAMED
TIME TRAVEL EXPERT
STARTLES HIS FRIENDS
BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK
GRAYSON WITH AN
UNEXPECTED PROPOSITION.

THIS OLD DOCUMENT
MENTIONS A DISPLAY
OF MAGG M MILAN
N 400 BY SOMEONE
CALLED BATMAN! TO
-KE TO VERIFY T



BECAUSE YOU TWO
ARE FANS OF OUR MODERN
BATMAN I "THOUGHT"
YOU'D LIKE TO
MEET HIS
ANCIENT
COUNTERPART
- IF ANY!

IF I
GO BACK
IN TIME AND
BATMAN'S
THERE N CHOS
MAY SUSPECT
THAT I'M BATMAN!
STILL IT WOULD
LOOK ODD F I
REFUSED



SO ONCE AGAIN BRUCE
AND DICK SUBMIT TO
THE PROFESSOR'S
SPECIAL HYPNOTIC
TECHNIQUE WHICH SENDS
THEM BACK INTO TIME

YOU ARE LEAVING
THE PRESENT.
GOING BACK
BACK BACK
TO ITALY IN
THE YEAR
1499



TO THE MEDIEVAL CITY OF MILAN ITALY

WELL, HERE
WE ARE...
BUT HOW W...
WE FIND THE
CHARACTER
WE WANT?



BY ASKING
FOR HIM!
EXCUSE
ME SIR
BUT IS THERE
ANYONE NAMED
BATMAN IN
THIS TOWN?



I DO NOT KNOW YOU
FELLOW! AND IT'S BAD
MANNERS TO ADDRESS
YOUR BETTERS
BEFORE YOU ARE
SPOKEN TO!

HE SHOULD
TALK ABOUT
BAD MANNERS!

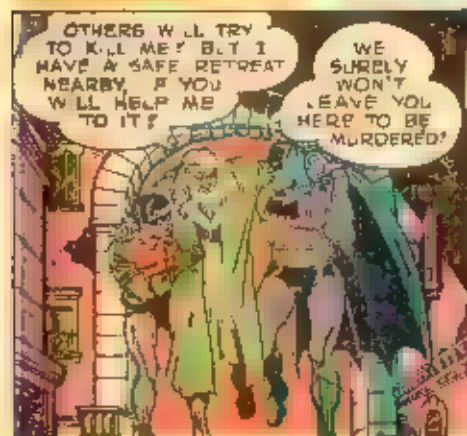
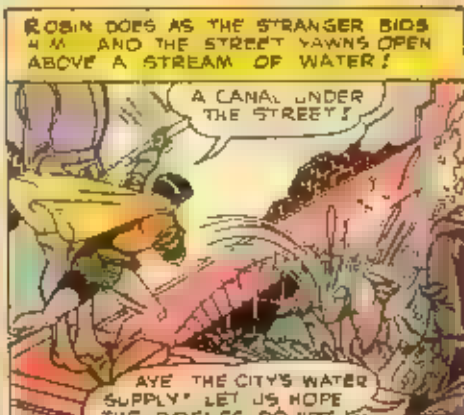
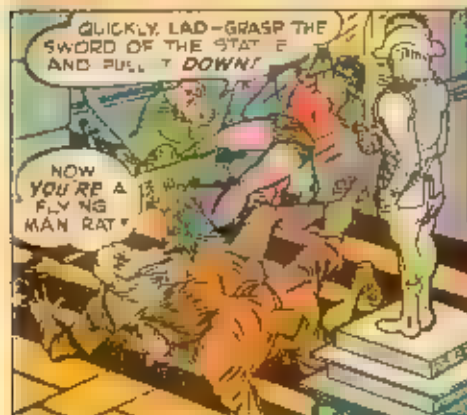
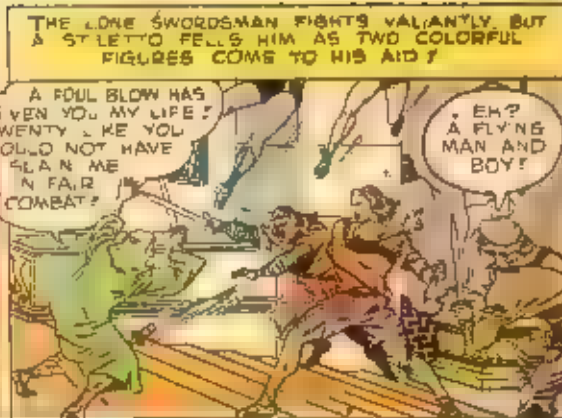
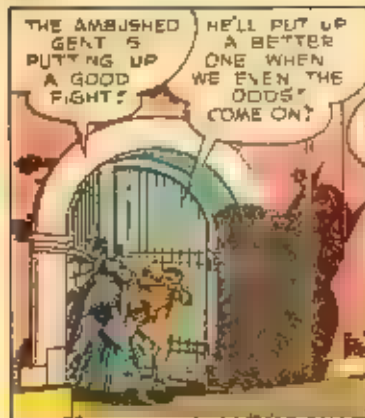


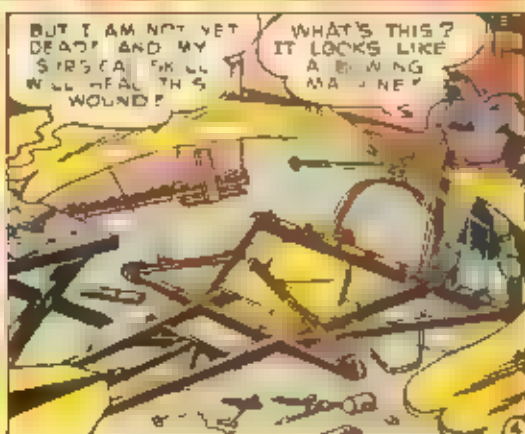
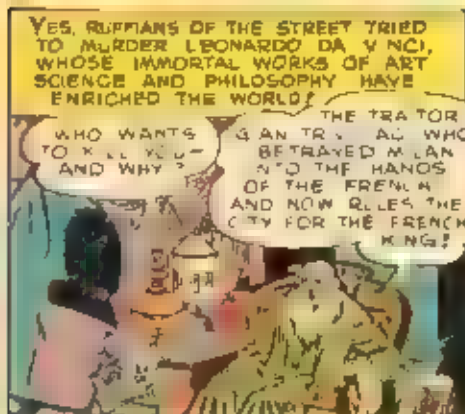
IF
EVERYBODY
HERE IS AS
HELPFUL AS
THAT CITIZEN,
FINDING OUR
MAN WON'T
BE EASY!

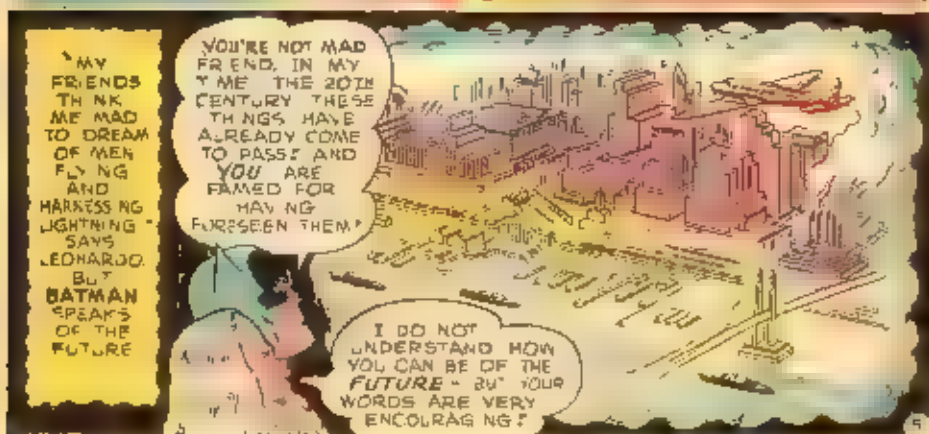
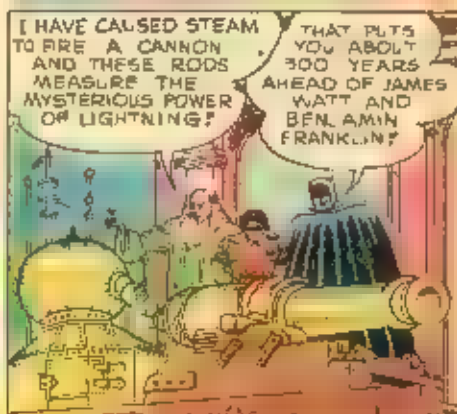
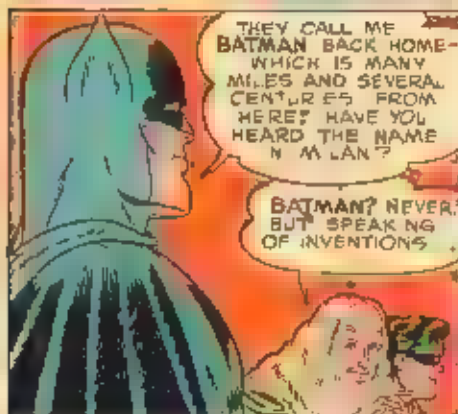
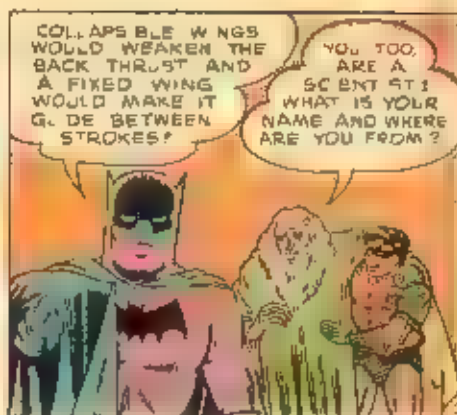
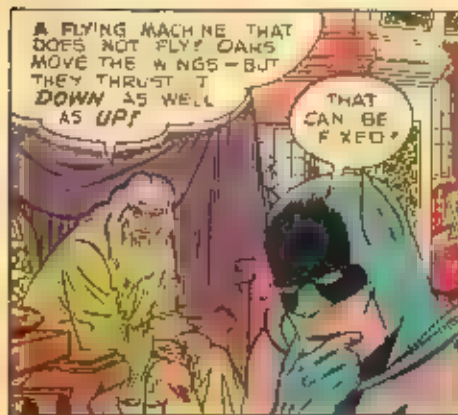
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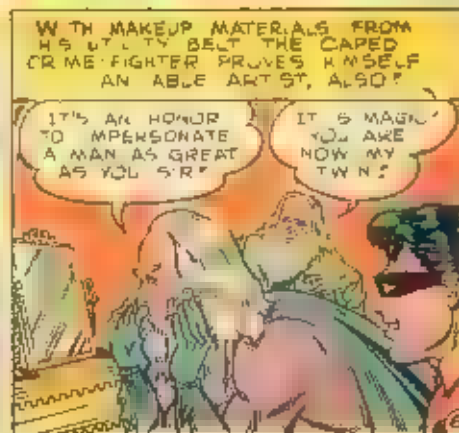
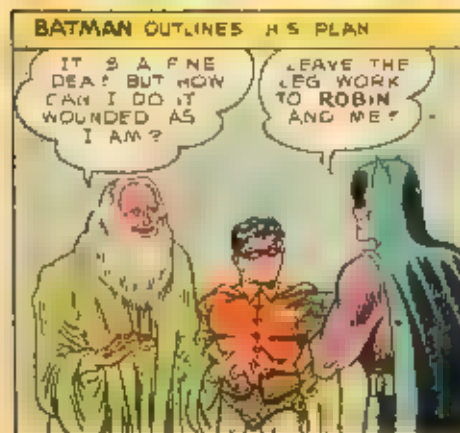
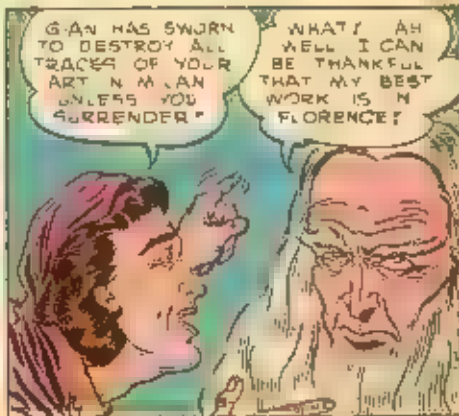
OH OH!
THREE TO
ONE
SOMETHING
TELLS ME
BATMAN IS
ABOUT TO
APPEAR!













LATER, WITH ROBIN GARBED AS A PAGE, THE DYNAMIC DUO GOES TO THE DUCAL PALACE

GAN HAS NO DOUBT ORDERED THAT LEONARDO BE KILLED ON SIGHT! WE'LL USE OUR BATARANG PISTOLS!

OH-OH! LOOKS AS IF WE AREN'T VERY WELCOME!

BOOMERANG MISSILES CIRCLE THE CHARGING MEN AT ARMS, TRAILING WREES THAT FORM A SNAKE!

LEONARDO HAS A NEW SECRET WEAPON!

YOUR WELCOME IS SO WARM—SO WE'LL COOL IT OFF!

THEN THE TRAITOR GAN APPEARS!

GAN IN THE FLESH AND THERE'S A LOT OF IT!

FOR HIS LEONARDO YOU SHALL BE TORTURED!

BUT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU THAT I WILL CARVE A GREAT STATUE OF YOU ONE BEFITTING YOUR WISDOM AND BRAVERY!

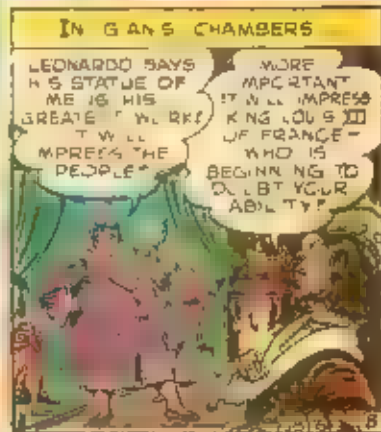
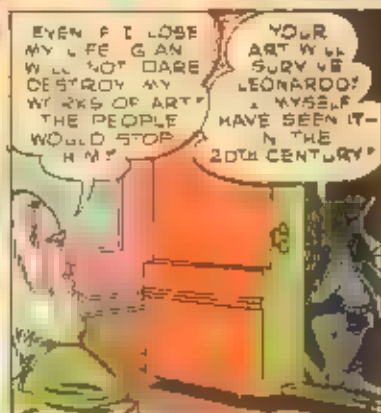
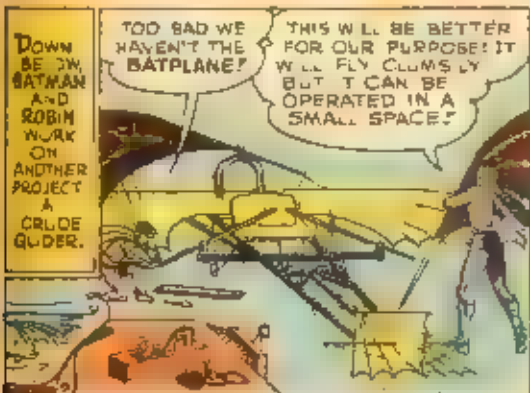
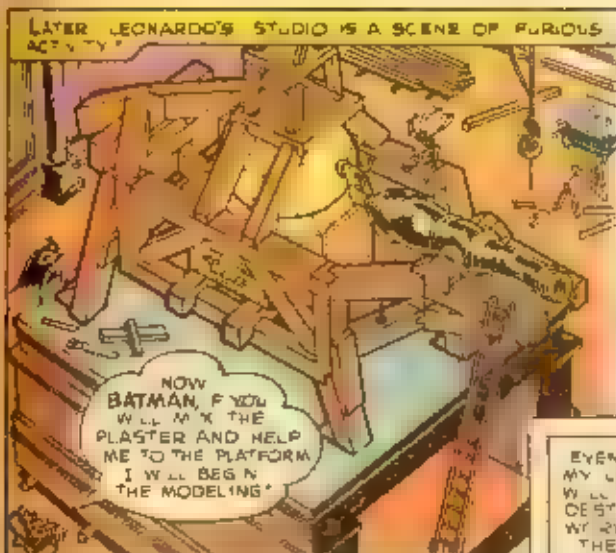
SO YOU HAVE LEARNED YOUR LESSON AND A STATUE BY YOU WILL INCREASE THE PEOPLE'S RESPECT FOR ME. COME INSIDE!

IT MUST TOWER OVER SPORZAS STATUES AND I SHALL BE AT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR THE UNVEILING! AND IF I AM NOT PLEASED YOU WILL BE EXECUTED!

YES YOUR EXCELLENCY AND NOW IF I MAY ASK A QUESTION.

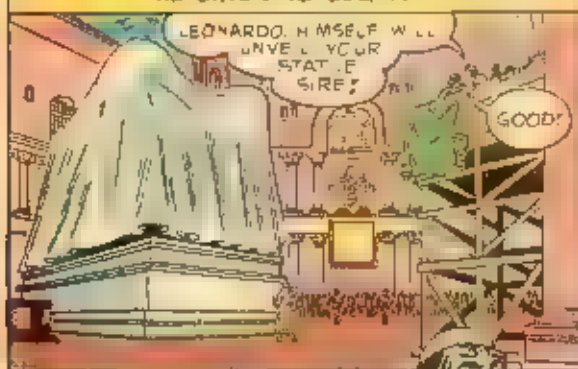
I HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE'S A MAGIC MAN CALLED BATMAN IN M. AND HAVE YOU HEARD OF HIM?

BATMAN? NO I HAVE NOT HEARD THE NAME BEFORE





WITH GIAN ENTHRONED ON A PLATFORM OF STATE
THE UNVEILING BEGINS



LEONARDO HIMSELF WILL
UNVEIL YOUR
STATUE
SIRE!

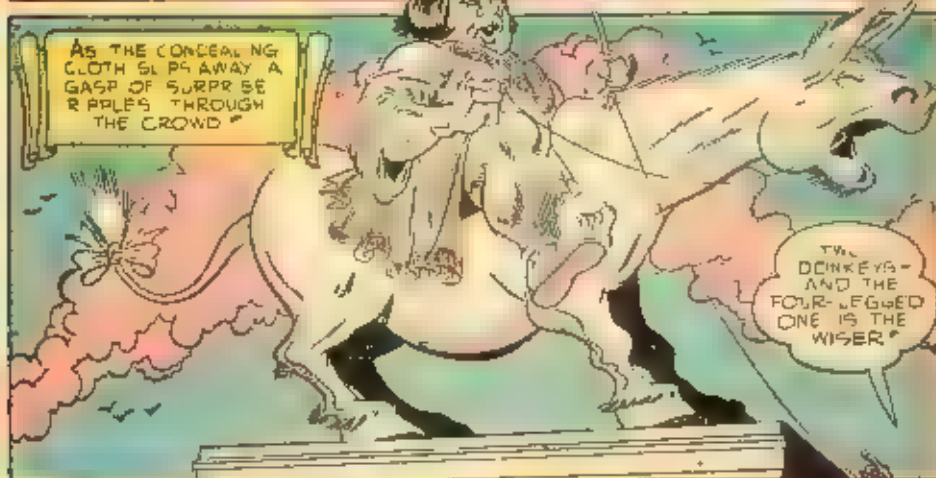
GOODY!



OH SURE I HAVE
USED ALL MY SKILL
SO THAT MEN MAY
KNOW YOUR TRUE
NATURE

WHY
DOESN'T
HE PULL
THE ROPE?
THE
SUSPENSE
IS KILLING
ME

AS THE CONCEALING
CLOTH SLIPS AWAY A
GASP OF SURPRISE
RIPPLES THROUGH
THE CROWD



THE
DONKEYS -
AND THE
FOUR-LEGGED
ONE IS THE
WISER

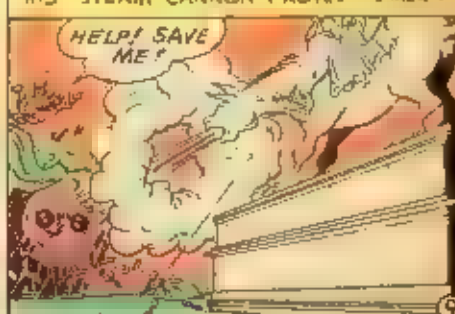
THEN HOWLS OF MOCKING LAUGHTER
FILL THE AIR!



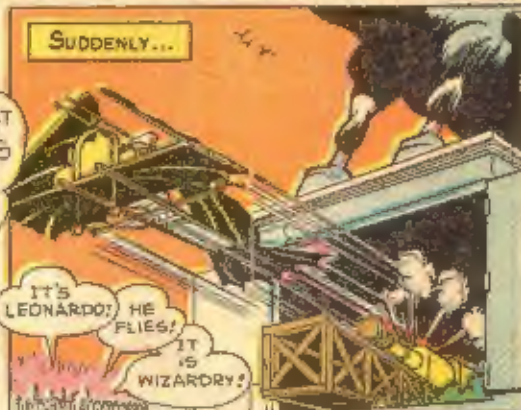
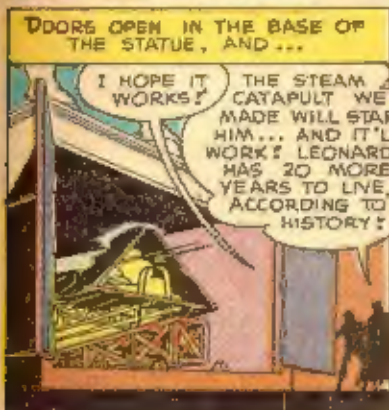
KILL THE
ROGUE

LISTEN! THE
WISER DONKEY
IS ABOUT TO
BRAY

LEONARDO PULLS A CORD, A VALVE
WITHIN THE STATUE OPENS, AND
HIS STEAM CANNON PROVES TO MERIT



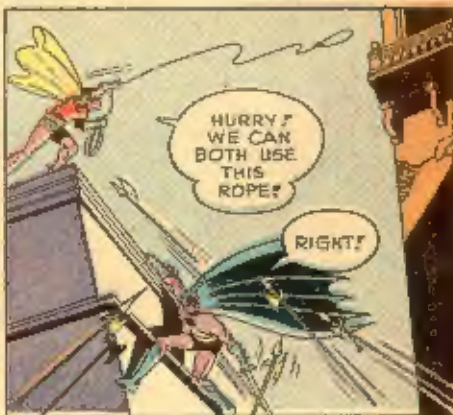
HELP! SAVE
ME!



WITH LEONARDO BEYOND HIS REACH, GIAN'S WRATH TURNS UPON THE STRANGERS WHO AIDED THE ARTIST!

SLAY THEM! THEY AIDED IN THIS FOUL PLOT!

THE SAFEST WAY SEEMS TO BE UP, ROBIN! GET GOING WHILE I DELAY THEM!



HURRY! WE CAN BOTH USE THIS ROPE!

RIGHT!



OH, OH—THERE'S MORE!

YES, LITTLE MAN, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BUSY DAY!



WE SHOULD HAVE BUILT A FEW MORE AERIAL ROWING MACHINES!

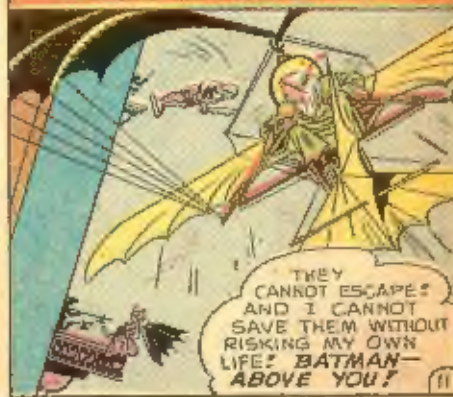
I'M IN THE POSITION LEONARDO WAS WHEN WE FIRST SAW HIM—BUT I CAN'T RETREAT!

BUT THE GREATEST PERIL THAT THREATENS THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ABOVE THEM!



IT WILL CRUSH THEM BOTH! GIAN WILL REWARD US!

LEONARDO HAS A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE IMPENDING DISASTER!



THEY CANNOT ESCAPE! AND I CANNOT SAVE THEM WITHOUT RISKING MY OWN LIFE! BATMAN—ABOVE YOU!

THEN THE FIRST MAN TO FLY CHOOSES
TO BE THE FIRST TO CRASH TO DEATH
— FOR HIS FRIENDS!



THE FLIMSY FLYING MACHINE SHATTERS—
BUT THE IMPACT CHANGES THE COURSE
OF THE FALLING STATUE!



AND NOW THE DYNAMIC DUO PERFORMS
A MINOR MIRACLE!



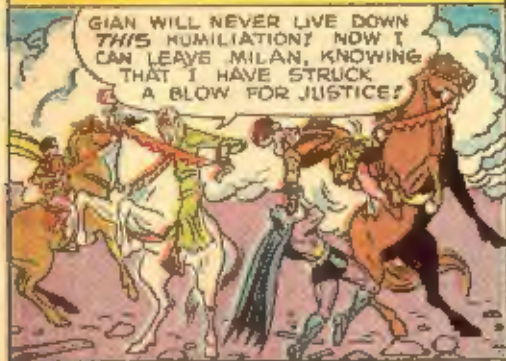
A SECOND
LATER...

DON'T WORRY,
LEONARDO!
HISTORY WILL
HONOR YOU
FOR OTHER
WORKS OF
ART!





SHAKEN BY THE BLAST, GIAN RETIRES,
LEAVING THE TRIO TRIUMPHANT!



GIAN WILL NEVER LIVE DOWN
THIS HUMILIATION! NOW I
CAN LEAVE MILAN, KNOWING
THAT I HAVE STRUCK
A BLOW FOR JUSTICE!

SO, THE THREE GALLANT FIGHTERS
LEAVE THE CITY...

GIAN MAY KEEP
THE INCIDENT
FROM THE OFFICIAL
RECORDS— BUT HE
CAN'T KEEP THE
PEOPLE FROM
LAUGHING AT
HIM!

WE RIDE NOW
TO FLORENCE,
THE CITY OF
MY BIRTH, WHERE
I HAVE POWERFUL
FRIENDS!



AND WHEN I TELL
MY FRIENDS WHAT
YOU HAVE DONE,
THE DUKE HIMSELF
WILL HONOR YOU!

DON'T LOOK NOW,
BATMAN— BUT
I THINK OUR
OWN TIME'S
CATCHING UP
WITH US!



AND SUDDENLY...

WE SHALL HAVE GREAT
TIMES TOGETHER—
BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WHERE ARE YOU?...
HMM... HERE IS A
GREAT MYSTERY!
THEY WERE HERE—
THEY WERE REAL—
NOW THEY HAVE
VANISHED!



AND BACK IN THE 20TH CENTURY...

I KNOW YOU
FOUND BATMAN!
DICK SPOKE THE
NAME SEVERAL
TIMES! WHAT
WAS HE LIKE?

IF I TELL IT
ALL, HE'LL
KNOW I'M
BATMAN! I'LL
HAVE TO EDIT
THE STORY



LEONARDO DA VINCI WAS
CALLED A BATMAN WHEN
HE MADE A FLYING MACHINE
WITH BAT-LIKE WINGS!
PEOPLE THOUGHT IT
WAS MAGIC!

FASCINATING!
I MUST MAKE
A NOTE OF
IT!



The
End